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1. SYG AND UN LEGAL COUNSEL POSITION CONCERNING STATUS OF INTERSESSIONAL SUBCOMITTEE (ISC) HAS NOT CHANGED AND REMAINS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAVROPOULOS'S CABLE TO EXEC DIR ABDEL-RAHMAN. MISSION BELIEVES LEGAL COUNSEL CORRECT IN CHALLENGING ESTABLISHMENT OF ISC.

2. RE FINANCING COST OF ISC, SYG DID NOT REPEAT NOT PRESENT REVISED ESTIMATE TO 28TH UNGA. SINCE ONLY UNGA CAN APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND DID NOT DO SO FOR ISC. UNIDO DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURES FOR ISC IN ADDITION TO AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR 1974/1975 FOR UNIDO. HOWEVER, IRRESPECTIVE OF ILLEGALITY OF ESTABLISHING ISC, UNIDO COULD INCUR EXPENDITURES FOR ISC BY REPROGRAMING FROM WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES IF EXEC DIR INSTRUCTED BY PREPARATORY COMITE AND IDB TO DO SO.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND SYG INFORMED ABDEL-RAHMAN THAT, ON BASIS OF

LEGAL COUNSEL'S OPINION, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR ISC COULD NOT BE PROVIDED. SYG COULD, IF HE WISHES, AT 29TH SESSION OF UNGA PRESENT FACTS RE ISC AND REQUEST ASSEMBLY EX POST FACTO TO AMEND RES 2952 (XXVII) TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF ISC OR REQUEST ASSEMBLY TO ENDORSE PERMANENT COMITE DECISION TO ESTABLISH ISC, ASSUMING IDB CONCURRED IN PERMANENT COMITE ACTION. MISSION BELIEVES, HOWEVER, IT IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE WITHIN CONTEXT OF BIENNIAL PROGRAM BUDGET. THEREFORE, WOULD NOT FAVOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR ISC AT FUTURE UNGA.

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